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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Gerhard Beckmann, *et al.*
ASSIGNEE: MTI MICROFUEL CELLS, INC.
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/079,733 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE: February 19, 2002 ART UNIT: 1745
FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR MANAGING FLUIDS IN A
FUEL CELL SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 5, 2003
New York, New York

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant's request that the following amendments be made to the above-identified application prior to further examination of the application. The claims as they now stand are listed in Attachment I to the Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant also now claims small entity status, thus, additional fees for the newly added claims are reduced by 50%.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-36 without prejudice and disclaimer of subject matter.

Please enter new claims 37-88 as follows:

37. A fuel cell comprising:

a housing including an anode chamber, a cathode chamber, a
protonically conductive, substantially electronically non-conductive

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